

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
February 15, 1917.—Forecast
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Temperature min., 60; max.,
75. Weather, partly cloudy.

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BERLIN FREES SEVENTY-TWO SAILORS HELD AS HOSTAGES

Formal Announcement of German Government's Action Flashed To Washington But Fails To Bring End To Official Anxiety

GENERAL OPINION GROWING THAT WAR IS NOW CERTAIN

President Expected To Appear Before Congress Soon and Ask For Greater Power To Take Steps To Protect Americans

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
BERLIN, February 15.—The German admiralty officially announced last night, the intention of the government of immediately liberating the seventy-two American sailors, captured in the South Atlantic and brought to this country on the Yarrowdale. Formal information to this effect has been conveyed to the Washington authorities.

WASHINGTON, February 16.—Berlin has formally announced that the seventy-two American sailors taken by the German raider in the South Atlantic and carried to Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale, will be liberated at once.

This move by Germany forestalls the action of this government in sending a demand for the immediate liberation of the men, who have been held as hostages for the proper treatment of German sailors in this country. It had been intended to send that note today, and the message had been prepared and was awaiting the approval of the President before its despatch, when the word came that Berlin had acted first.

President Wilson had retired when the contents of the message from Berlin was communicated to this government by the Swiss minister here, who is acting as the German representative in this country, now that diplomatic relations with Germany are suspended. The note was in French and the translation delayed the officials for some time, so that it was considered too late to trouble the President with it. It will be sent to him early this morning.

Although the release of the American sailors by Berlin disposes of one of the most irritating and pressing phases of the German situation and so far eases the tension of the crisis, there is little hope in the hearts and minds of officials here, that the present condition of things can long continue.

It is felt that the hope that the most serious trouble between the countries can be staved off much longer is a vain one, and that at almost any minute the break may come which will mean actual warfare.

Officials here, in speaking of the situation last night declared that they had reached the conclusion that unless Germany's attitude changes within a short time President Wilson will take the situation boldly in hand and appear before congress, to ask for further authority to take such steps as he may deem wise to further protect American lives and property from the illegal acts of the Teutonic submarine commanders. That such an act by the President will not be much longer deferred was the general opinion here last night.

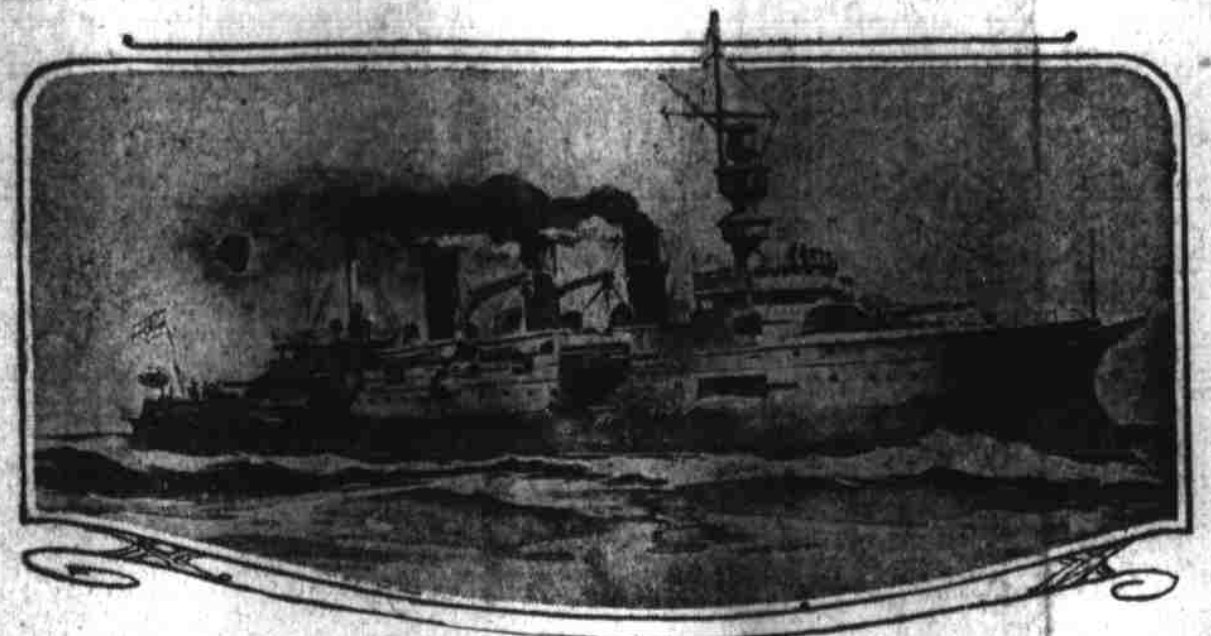
The steady pressure that is being brought to bear upon the administration from all over the country for some definite action is one reason for this belief among the officials of the inner circle.

Mirage Tricks the Skipper of Schooner

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 15.—Tales of mirages at sea which are proving disastrous for vessels are being told here in advice from Australian waters. Phantom land lured the schooner Kona to a grave on the beach of Kangaroo Island, Australia, according to news the owners received today. A hydrographic report just received here also says that the schooner Marston nearly fell victim to a mirage of land, steering towards the supposed shore until the mistake was discovered.

May Be German Raider Sunk By British

THE German Cruiser Vineta—All accounts agree that the raider which has been causing havoc among Allied shipping in the South Atlantic is the swift German cruiser Vineta that slipped through the British blockade disguised as a Danish merchantman. Reports were current recently that the Vineta had been sunk by the British cruisers on her trail, but the Brazilian authorities say there is no confirmation of the report and they doubt if it is true, but the report from Rio Janeiro last night reaffirmed the former.



CRISIS PUTS END TO "LEAK" PROBE

No More Public Hearings To Be Held Announces Chairman of Subcommittee

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
NEW YORK, February 15.—The house subcommittee of the rules committee, which is investigating the so-called "leak" of President Wilson's peace message, will hold no more public hearings, as the growing seriousness of the international situation, Chairman Henry announced today.

Sherman L. Whipple, the Boston lawyer, who is counsel for the committee, said that the examination of brokers' accounts will be continued.

The President's brother-in-law, Bolling, announced today that he has severed connection with the firm of Connelly & Co., Washington corresponding house for the brokerage firm of Hutton & Co., of New York. Hutton said his firm had been told of the coming "peace note" by the Washington house. Bolling denies any knowledge whatever of the peace note affair.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO WELCOME GERARD

Big Reception Planned By Officials For American Envoy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
PARIS, February 15.—James Gerard, retiring U. S. ambassador at Berlin, arrived here today with a large party of embassy and consular officials and attaches.

Mrs. Gerard is with the party, which numbers forty-two. They arrived this morning and were met by United States Ambassador W. G. Sharp of the embassy here.

French government officials will probably give a formal reception to the American visitors.

CARRANZA NEUTRAL IS PROTEST OF HIS PRESS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
CITY OF MEXICO, February 15.—The local press is reiterating that the Carranza note to neutral nations, suggesting that no munitions be shipped to belligerents, was based on purely humanitarian reasons and was neither pro-German in its attitude nor directed as criticism against the United States and American war-trade.

CROPS IN FRANCE ARE TEN PER CENT SHORT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
PARIS, February 16.—The average condition of winter crops in France is ten per cent less than at this time last year, according to the report of the agricultural bureau made public here yesterday.

GERMAN RAIDER IN ATLANTIC SUNK BY THE AMETHYST

Report Current Last Month of Battle Between Commerce Destroyer and Her Pursuers Is Confirmed By British Naval Officer of the Cruiser Glasgow

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
RIO DE JANEIRO, February 15.—That the reports of a sea fight in which the British cruiser Amethyst attacked and sunk the raider that was doing great damage to Allied and neutral shipping in the South Atlantic, were based upon the truth was learned here last night, when the British cruiser Glasgow reached this port.

One of her officials confirmed the reports published last month, and announced that a naval battle had been fought off Fernando de Noronha, between three German raiders, one of which is believed to have been the German light cruiser the Vineta, and that one of the raiders was hit by the shells of the British warship and seen to be sinking, when the fight of the other raider, forced the British to leave the injured vessel to her fate.

The Amethyst is reported to have been slightly injured in the fight, and to have lost one killed and a few wounded.

"MILD" FIGHTING ON BATTLE FRONT

Berlin Officially Admits German Troops On Somme Field Have Fallen Back

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
NEW YORK, February 16.—Fighting that has been characterized as "mild" is reported from all the fronts in the official communiques of yesterday. For the most part the encounters between the foe consisted of raids and reconnoitering parties, with the steady battering of the artillery. There was some air activity reported on the western front.

Berlin reports that yesterday the Teutons suffered losses on the Somme front and were forced to withdraw "in accordance with orders." The official report from the German capital said: "Teuton soldiers today won successes on the Russian front, storming positions 100 yards long north of the Zloczoff-Tarnopol railroad, in Galicia."

"After destroying the trenches they withdrew, according to official announcement."

The official news today also says that the Germans between Serre and the river Somme, west front, have withdrawn from advanced positions in accordance with orders.

"Seven Entente aeroplanes were shot down on the west front today."

COAST BALL TEAM INVITED TO JAPAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 15.—The University of California has accepted an invitation from Keio University, Japan, to send a baseball team to Japan next summer for a series of twelve games.

NAVAL OFFICER IS JAILED IN BERLIN

Imprisoned By Teutons and Subjected To Indignities On His Way Back Home

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
COPENHAGEN, February 16.—An officer of the United States navy has been arrested by the Germans, imprisoned, subjected to indignities at the hands of German officials, questioned by secret service officers and generally treated as no naval officer of the United States was ever before treated by any civilized government, according to the story told here by the officer himself.

The officer in question is Warrant Officer Hardy of the United States gunboat Scorpion, which is the American station ship at Constantinople. He arrived here yesterday and related the almost incredible experiences through which he had passed and told of the indignities to which he had been subjected by representatives of the German government.

Hardy left Constantinople January 30, wearing his uniform of an officer of the United States navy. It was on February 1 that Germany made her announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare.

When the train reached Sofia, Bulgaria, Hardy was removed from it by officers of the German government. Later he was allowed to proceed, but was again taken from the train at Budapest. Again he was permitted to continue his journey, but when the train he had boarded reached Vienna, he was removed for the third time.

The crowning indignity came when Hardy finally reached Dresden. Here he was thrown into prison by German officers and held there for three days. He was then taken to Berlin and subjected to a rigid questioning at the headquarters of the secret service bureau. The Germans even went to the length of subjecting the American naval officer to a full course of washing in acid and to other methods designed to detect any communications which might have been written on his body.

Finally, failing to find any ground for further detaining him, the Germans released the officer and allowed him to leave the country and continue his journey to this city.

COLOMBIA NEUTRAL IS REPLY TO PRESIDENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
BOGOTA, Colombia, February 15.—In variance with other South American countries, Colombia has replied to President Wilson that she will preserve neutrality. She expresses the hope that peace between Germany and America will remain unbroken. Colombia does not accede to the request of the president that other neutrals follow the lead of the United States in breaking with Germany.

CUTTERS SEARCHING FOR THE RETRIEVER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 16.—Coast guard cutters are today searching for the barkentine Retriever, which was a week ago reported off North Head short of provisions. It is believed she is in a serious predicament.

CUBAN REVOLT GROWING FAST

Santiago Province In Hands of Rebels
Hundreds Reported To Be Flocking To Join Insurrection

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
WASHINGTON, February 16.—The situation in Cuba is growing more serious, according to reports received here from the island which is in the throes of a revolution. The revolt is spreading to new provinces and large numbers of men are joining the revolutionaries.

A report from Santiago, Cuba, says that the military governor there has informed the United States consul there that the government military forces of Guantanamo have revolted and joined the revolutionary movement. A similar situation is reported at Mayari and Baracoa.

Senor Orestes Ferrer, now in New York, last night received a despatch from friends in Cuba, announcing that the whole of the province of Santiago de Cuba is now in the hands of the rebels and that the revolt is increasing in importance and power daily.

PORTO RICO CANE LABORERS ON STRIKE

Two Thousand Demand Eight-Hour Day and More Are Expected To Follow Example

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, February 16.—Two thousand cane field laborers went on strike on this island yesterday, demanding a reduction of hours of work to eight a day and an increase of pay to \$1 a day. It is predicted that a general strike of all cane field laborers in Porto Rico will result.

Forty-eight sugar centrals of the island are now making sugar, and sugar men estimate that the weekly production of sugar is approximately twenty-five thousand tons, and that this rate of production will be continued until June. It is expected that the total production for the season will be between 500,000 and 525,000 short tons.

Weather conditions since the beginning of cane cutting have been very favorable for both sugar making and field work although at present in several sections of the island there is very great need of rain.

A general strike of agriculture laborers is predicted by Santiago Iglesias, president of the free federation of labor, unless the laborers are given a minimum wage of \$1 a day and eight hours work. These are the same demands made last year and the workers then returned to work only after increases had been granted.

POLITICAL SCANDAL STIRS INDIANAPOLIS

Eleven Political Leaders Surrender Following Wholesale Indictments

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
INDIANAPOLIS, February 16.—Wholesale indictments returned by the United States grand jury, charging a general conspiracy to corrupt elections in this city resulted yesterday in the surrender to the United States marshal of eleven reputed leaders of the political machine which, it is charged, was back of the conspiracy.

The grand jury returned no less than 166 indictments, those accused including both Democrats and Republicans.

RAILROAD HEADS IN GENTLEMEN'S PACT

Agree On Methods To Put End To Freight Congestion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
WASHINGTON, February 15.—Representatives of thirty of the chief railroads of the United States, considering the car shortage and congestion of traffic, at a meeting here today made a "gentlemen's agreement" to declare an embargo against the shipment of exports from Eastern ports, to adopt a liberal use of an "intelligent embargo" against eastbound domestic freight and to send empty cars in solid trains west in order to handle the piled up supplies.

MARIO G. MENOCAL, president of Cuba, around whose official head of the lightning of revolt is flashing.



BERLIN WANTS FLAG TO BE LOWERED

Asks Brand Whitlock To Haul Down Stars and Stripes Over Legation In Brussels

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
WASHINGTON, February 15.—The department of state has been advised officially that Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has been requested—though not ordered—by the German military authorities to lower the American flag over the legation in Brussels.

Officials here share the view of Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Relief Commission for Belgium, that American relief workers in Belgium are not held as prisoners by the Germans.

The flag incident is regarded more in the light of a sentimental matter than a serious case for friction. The Germans, it is held here, acted within their rights, since relations have been severed between the United States and Germany and Brussels is in German-governed territory.

AUSTRIAN DIVER DESTROYED LAW

American Schooner's Skipper Reports That Members of His Crew Are Safe

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
NEW YORK, February 15.—That the sinking of the American schooner Lyman M. Law in the Mediterranean last Monday was the work of an Austrian submarine is the information cabled here by the merchant vessel's skipper, Capt. F. W. McDonough. He cabled today to the agents: "Law destroyed Austrian submarine. Crew safe Cagliari, Sardinia."

The Italian press, giving the story of the sinking of the Lyman M. Law, is asking whether the destruction of the vessel constitutes the "overt act" against which President Wilson warned the Teuton powers in notes and in his recent address before the senate.

SUBMARINE STINGERS ARE LOSING "PUNCH"

Three British Steamers and Two Trawlers Toll of the Day

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
LONDON, February 16.—Comparatively minor were the losses inflicted on Allied and neutral shipping by the submarines yesterday. Lloyd's agency reported the sinking of the British steamer Margarita late last night, and two trawlers were sunk earlier in the day.

The British steamer Cilicia was sunk today, the crew landing safely, says Lloyd's Agency, which also announces the sinking of the British steamer Ferga.

The British steamer Ainsdale was sunk by a submarine 180 miles off the Irish coast on February 5. The crew, including one American, was rescued.

BODIES OF TRIO OF AMERICANS FOUND STRIPPED AND MUTILATED

Search For Murdered Cowboy Victims of Mexican Bandits Reveals Another Brutal Outrage Upon Citizens of United States

TWO MORE ADDED TO LONG LIST OF RAIDER CRIMES

Villa's Lieutenant Julio Acosta Heads Band of Robbers Which Raided and Looted Ranch Belonging To William R. Hearst

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
EL PASO, Texas, February 16.—Three American cowboys who were captured by a Mexican raiding party under the command of General Jose Inez Salazar at Lang's ranch, on the American side of the border Wednesday night, were murdered by the gang of Villista bandits. Their bodies, stripped naked and horribly mutilated, were found near Hachita yesterday.

Two other Americans are also believed to have been killed by the Mexicans during this raid.

Another Villista gang, under command of Julio Acosta, raided the Hearst ranch at Bahiadora, 250 miles south-west of Juarez, on February 8, according to a report received here yesterday, killed two Mexican ranchmen employed on the big ranch and completely looted it. The Pearson Milling Company's plant near there was also raided and looted by the men of Acosta, whom General Pershing was sent into Mexico to take "dead or alive."

A report received here from Hachita, Texas, says that General Salazar has threatened to raid American settlements all along the border and to kill Americans. The report was received at Hachita through a negro, "Buck" Spencer, who was held for ransom by Salazar's forces at Ojitos, and who sent to the border town to obtain money for his wife for his release.

Another report, which comes from Laredo, says that a detachment of national guardsmen had a running fight with twenty Mexicans, one of whom was captured. The report says the Americans pursued the Mexicans some distance.

But there is thus far no intimation that the United States government intends to take any steps to avenge the Americans who were killed on American soil. No movement of United States troops has been reported and, so far as known, no orders have been received to cross the line in pursuit of the murdering bandits.

But if the United States government will not act, the men of Texas will. Following the report yesterday that three cowboys were in the hands of the Mexican raiders, other cowboys of the district immediately started the work of organizing a posse to pursue the raiders and rescue their comrades. They were too late for rescue, however, the unfortunate three being murdered and their bodies mutilated. Whether the posse will start on a mission of vengeance is not yet reported.

Despatches from Hachita, received here last night, said that Colonel Sichel, commanding the garrison at Columbus, New Mexico, had ordered Lieutenant Colonel Waterman, stationed at Hachita, with all the available troops at his disposal into the raided section, to prevent any further outrages. The troops are reported to have left last night.

SHIPPING NEWS STOPS ON WORD OF LANSING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
BALTIMORE, February 16.—The Baltimore Maritime Exchange has been notified by its marine observer at Cape Henry, at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, that he has received orders from Secretary of State Lansing not to report vessels passing the capes.

LIQUOR ADVERTISING BARRED TO THE MAIL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
WASHINGTON, February 15.—Newspapers and other publications containing liquor advertisements will be barred from the mails of the States where prohibition is in effect by an amendment to the postal bill adopted by the senate today. The amended bill goes to the house now for consideration.